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## IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-17 and 20-21.

Please amend the following claims 18-19 to 1-2:

1. (Amended) In an Internet-coupled network for electronically linking at least one fixed vendor processor to at least one mobile buyer processor, a method for transacting between vendor and buyer processors, the method comprising the steps of:

determining a first location of a mobile buyer processor coupled to the Internet; receiving from the mobile buyer processor a first transaction message; and sending to the mobile buyer processor a second transaction message indicating a first

fixed vendor processor proximately disposed to the first location.

2. (Amended) The method of Claim 1 further comprising the steps of:

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